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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS FROM STOLTZFUS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG IT  
SUBJ: ITALIAN INTEREST IN BECHTEL SAUDI PIPELINE PROJECT

REF: STATE 232139

1. I PASSED YOUR MESSAGE SEPT 30 TO THOMSON JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND UAE. THOMSON, EXPRESSING SURPRISE THIS "CLOSELY HELD" PROJECT KNOWN TO ITALIANS, SAID HIS TRIP WILL ENABLE HIM PROVIDE BETTER RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERY IF YOU WILLING AWAIT HIS RETURN TO KUWAIT OCT 8.

2. THOMSON ASKED IF I THOUGHT "USG WANTS BECHTEL TO GIVE STEEL PIPE SUBCONTRACT TO ITALIANS". I REPLIED I ASSUMED FROM MESSAGE WORDING THAT USG HAD GENERAL INTEREST IN DOING WHAT IT COULD TO AID AILING ITALIAN ECONOMY, AND THIS MIGHT BE ONE WAY TO HELP. HOWEVER, I SAID I WOULD REFER THE QUESTION TO YOU.

3. IF YOU NEED REPLY FROM THOMSON BEFORE OCT. 8, I KNOW WHERE I CAN REACH HIM. REGARDS.  
STOLTZFUS

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